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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Executive Summary

This memorandum contains reports on the following:

- **Pursuit of County Position to Support AB 195 (Chau).** This measure would add smartphones to the legal definition of a computer network and make it a crime to solicit someone to gain unauthorized access to a computer network or smartphone. Therefore, unless otherwise directed, consistent with Policy 6.100 of the Board of Supervisors Policy Manual, which established information security policies to protect County information technology resources from all forms of unauthorized access, use, disclosure or modification, **the Sacramento advocates will support AB 195.**
- **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**
 - **County-supported AB 172 (Rodriguez)** - related to penalties for assaults committed against health care workers providing services inside of an emergency department, passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee on March 17, 2015.

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- **Status of Legislation of County Interest**

- **AB 280 (Brown).** This measure would increase the amount of a claim that a local government entity may file in a small claims court from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

AB 195 (Chau), which was introduced on January 28, 2015, would add smartphones to the legal definition of computer network and make it a crime to solicit someone to knowingly and without permission gain access to a computer network.

Under current law, it is a crime to knowingly gain access to another's computer network without permission. It is not, however, a crime to solicit someone to knowingly and without permission gain access to a computer network or smartphone.

The Chief Information Office indicates that County computer networks contain vital information about County finances, employees, and residents, which must be protected to prevent unauthorized access leading to identify theft, financial crimes, and fraud. AB 195 would protect the County's computer network by giving law enforcement officers additional tools to combat unauthorized access to the County's information technology infrastructure.

This office and the Chief Information Office support AB 195. Therefore, unless otherwise directed, consistent with Policy 6.100 of the Board of Supervisors Policy Manual, which established information security policies to protect County information technology resources from all forms of unauthorized access, use, disclosure or modification, **the Sacramento advocates will support AB 195.**

AB 195 is supported by the: District Attorney; Sheriff's Department; California District Attorneys Association; and California Public Defenders Association. The measure is opposed by Legal Services for Prisoners with Children.

AB 195 passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee by a vote of 6 to 0 on March 17, 2015. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Business, Professions, and Consumer Protection Committee.

Status of County-Advocacy Legislation

County-supported AB 172 (Rodriguez), which as introduced on January 22, 2015, would increase penalties for an assault or battery committed against a physician, nurse

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or other health care worker providing services inside an emergency department of a hospital, clinic or other health facility, passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee on March 17, 2015 by a vote of 6 to 0. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Status of Legislation of County Interest

AB 280 (Brown), which was introduced on February 11, 2015, would increase the amount of a claim that a local government entity may file in small claims court from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The bill would also eliminate the requirement that a local government's claim be removed from small claims court when a defendant is represented by an attorney.

Currently, the maximum dollar amount that a local government may recover in small claims court is \$5,000. AB 280 would increase this amount to \$10,000. This measure would also eliminate the current procedural requirement that a local government's claim be transferred out of small claims court when a defendant is represented by an attorney.

County Counsel indicates that AB 280 would reduce the County's litigation costs by permitting the County to litigate more claims in small claims court, where litigation costs and fees are inherently lower. However, County Counsel recommends that the bill be amended to affirmatively indicate that a small claims defendant would not be entitled to representation by an attorney on the sole basis that the defendant is being sued by a public entity.

AB 280 is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Judiciary Committee on March 24, 2015.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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